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**Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1880 Oct 6.**

Ann Gilrye Muir

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Dear John I would like  
to meet you once more and  
I would like to meet your  
wives - but I know that  
a very great distance lies  
between us - and I also know  
that you will come to  
meet us all whenever a  
favourable time presents itself.

I shall be happy to  
have a letter from your wife  
and to know her better -

All the family with  
their families are well at  
present - and hoping that  
God's blessing will ever rest  
upon you and your household.

I am Lovingly  
Mother

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Postage Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1880

Dear John

I yesterday received  
your letter of Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> informing  
me of your safe arrival home  
and well satisfied with your  
travels in Alaska - which  
news pleased me very much.

Last month I mailed  
a letter for you to Fort Wrangel  
thinking you would find it when  
you returned from the north - but  
I perceive, by yours, you did not.

When Jeanna returned  
home from Hamilton her father  
and Mr. Brown accompanied her  
your father remained here about  
six weeks - but is now at -

Phillips with Joanna - his health is good - but very lame indeed - being quite unable to walk across a room without his crutches

They were quite anxious to have me move to Phillips too - but for the last nine years I have lived in a brick house near the High School - and it seems so like home to me that I decided to remain in Portage during the winter - you know I always feel inclined to be stationary wherever my lot may be cast - so Annie will remain with me for the present - as she is the only one left to me now -

I think it rather -

- amusing that Mary should think of naming her boys after his two Grand Mothers - which is Wheller Gilroye Hand

John Reed is at present at Crete Neb. but is expected home soon for the purpose of taking the family to a home there I feel very sorry indeed to think of them all leaving Portage -

Mary is scarcely able to talk about it - but some think that the change might benefit her health -

Lately I had a letter from Emma from Lincoln Neb. she says they have a very pleasant home there, but Daniel had been a good deal of the summer at his farm - some miles distant